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SUBJ: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

ATMOSPHERICS:

THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO CLINTON MASS. WAS WELL AND FAVORABLY COVERED BY THE PRESS. MR. CARTER'S "REPHRASING" OF OUR INDIAN OCEAN STANCE FROM "DEMILITARIZATION" TO "MUTUAL MILITARY RESTRAINT" WAS WELL RECEIVED, VIEWD AS PROOF AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL POSITION STILL IN TUNE WITH U.S. FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK'S VISIT TO U.S. AND HIS FIRST SPEECH IN SAN FRANCISCO AGAIN SEEN AS REFLECTING AUSTRALIAN DESIRE FOR MORE CONSULTATION ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN TO THEM AND U.S. WHOLE AUSTRALIAN-INDONESIAN-EAST TIMOR-U.S. CONTROVERSY STILL REGULARLY IN THE MEDIA, WITH AN ESPECIAL CURIOSITY REGARDING REACTION OF FRAZER SUB-COMMITTEE TO DUNN'S TESTIMONY AND PEACOCK'S PUBLIC HAND-LING OF THIS ISSUE, IF ANY.

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UNOFFICIAL AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE PHILIP ALSTON CHOICE COVERED WITH KEEN INTEREST AND GENERALLY FAVORABLE REACTION, ESPECIALLY ALSTON'S BEING CAST AS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE PRESIDENT, A RELATIONSHIP VERY MUCH VALUED BY AUST-RALIAN. HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL LESS FAVORABLE REACTIONS, REMINISCENT OF THE HARGROVE EPISODE.

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PROGRAMMING:

TRANSITION 1 CONTINUES TO EVOKE EXCELLENT RESPONSE. NEWS DIRECTORS FROM MAJOR TV AND RADIO STATIONS IN SYDNEY ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED, ALSO ASKED FOR AUDIO OF MR. CARTER'S PHONE-IN. TRANSITION 2 EAGERLY AWAITED BY ALL POSTS.

VOLSPKR CALVIN HORN WELL RECEIVED BY AUDIENCES IN SYDNEY. HIS BROAD BACKGROUND AND ABILITY TO INTERWEAVE SHARED EXPERIENCES OF AUSTRALIANS AND AMERICANS WAS VERY EFFECTIVE WITH TOP LEVEL UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS.

ADELAIDE SAW OPENING THE SAGE OF THE GREAT PLAINS LAST SATURDAY AT NEW EXHIBITION HALL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM. INVITED AUDIENCE OF 100 DIGNITARIES RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND WARMLY TO EXHIBIT. USIS MELBOURNE STILL RECEIVING COMPLIMENTS ON ITS SHOWING.

PERTH'S SHOWING OF VTR "NEW TRENDS IN AMERICAN JOURNALISM" GOT GOOD REACTIONS FROM SENIOR EDITORS AND JOURNALISTS AT "THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN" AND MAJOR TV STATION.

FOCUS-USA NO. 2 DISTRIBUTED. INITIAL AUDIENCE REACTION VERY GOOD, WITH REQUESTS FROM DEPT. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEPT. OF DEFENSE, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION. THERE WAS ALSO HIGH LEVEL ACADEMIC RESPONSE, ESPECIALLY FROM AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. MOUNT

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